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SUBJECT: REFUGEE-BEIRUT 203(A)(7) PROGRAM

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT BEFORE MAKING DECISION ON REGISTRATION OF REFUGEES IN BEIRUT, WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE FUNDING AND THE PROCESSING OF REFUGEES IN BEIRUT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ACTION ADDRESSEE CONFIRMATION OF DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE SYSTEM IN BEIRUT.

2. FUNDING: SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN REFUGEES IN BEIRUT RECEIVE U.S. REFUGEE PROGRAM (USRP) TYPE ASSISTANCE THROUGH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. THIS HELP INCLUDES CARE AND MAINTENANCE, DOCUMENTATION, MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, ETC. REFUGEESFROM
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OTHER COUNTRIES RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FUNNELED THROUGH

UNHCR TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

3. PROCESSING: ALL NON EASTERN EUROPEAN REFUGEES IN BEIRUT ARE SO CERTIFIED BY UNHCR TO THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH THEN REGISTERS THEM WITH INS FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROCESSING EASTERN EUROPEANS REGISTER DIRECTLY WITH VOLAGS WHICH THEN PRESENT THEM FOR RAPID PROCESSING BY INS AS CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE. THE NET EFFECT OF PROCESSING ALL REFUGEES ON THE BASIS OF ORIGINAL REGISTRATION DATE WITH INS WILL BE TO EXTEND THE WAITING PERIOD FOR EASTERN EUROPEANS TO AT LEAST 12-18 MONTHS WHICH IS THE AVERAGE PERIOD FOR OTHER REFUGEES. IF THIS IS CORRECT, WE ESTIMATE THAT THE DRAIN ON USRP FUNDS WILL BE EXCESSIVE AND CY 1975 FUNDS WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ELIGIBLE REFUGEES. KISSINGER

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